



## ***Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative***

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Executive Advisory Board

FROM: Marianne Fidishin, PhD, Executive Director

DATE: June 27, 2018

RE: Illinois State Special Awards

Special Olympics is a global organization that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sport, every day around the world. Special Olympics began in Illinois with the first games at Soldier Field in July 1968 thanks to the efforts of Eunice Kennedy Shriver and her peers. Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 18 sports for more than 23,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and nearly 20,000 Young Athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics transforms the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, allowing them to realize their full potential in sports and in life. Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family and community support.

The Mid-Valley All Stars had seven (7) athletes participate and three (3) Young Athletes in the Summer Games which took place at Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, June 15-16, 2018. Despite the extremely warm conditions, we are proud to announce our award recipients.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Athlete</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>Softball Throw</b>	Ian Thompson	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Wyatt Stahl	3rd
	Zach Martinson	2nd
	Noah Kennedy	1st
	Derek Anderson	3rd
	Emilee Marquardt	4th
	<b>Tennis Ball Throw</b>	Kathryn Saur
<b>50m Run</b>	Emilee Marquardt	4th

Tremendous thanks and appreciation for our Mid-valley Coach, Paulette Ollie as well as Meggan Hagemann, Sarah Malkowski and Jenni Stellato who were present at ISU assisting and supporting students.